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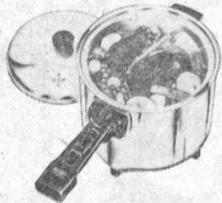
Torrance Tournament of Roses officials announced today that Mrs. Margaret Clark and Mrs. Jeanne Gerald have accepted co-

chairmanship of the Float Decorations Committee, replacing last year's chairman, Mrs. Victor E. Benstead, Jr., who is un-

able to continue as chairman. Mrs. Clark is President of both the North Torrance Fuchsia Society and the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association. Mrs. Gerald is Treasurer

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### Chace Lashes at Delays in Bend Slide Solution

Unnecessary delays by County Departments in completing studies of the Portuguese Bend area landslide were hit by County Supervisor Burton W. Chace today in a demand for "positive Board action" within two weeks. "The slide which started in August 1956, has caused continuing damage to public and private property extending into millions of dollars and has caused grave mental concern to all of the residents of the area," Chace declared. He recalled that the County, in cooperation with Palos Verdes Properties, engaged in the first

of a two-step program to halt the slide by placing 15 shear pins in the base of the slide some time ago.

The second phase has already been engineered and calls for the placing of a rock revetment in the ocean on stable ground beyond the base of the slide. The revetment is designed to preclude erosion of a compacted fill to be removed from the top of the slide and placed at the base as a resistance buttress to the moving mass.

The Supervisor stated that replacement costs of Palos Verdes Dr. S. alone, which would be lost if the slide continues, would total some \$837,500.

On Chace's motion, the Board instructed the County Manager to coordinate the activities of all County Departments and bring a recommendation to the Board in not later than two weeks.

### Letters to the Editor

Editor Torrance Press

I would like to voice my opinion on the subject of lack of recreational facilities for our children. In the connection the real estate people, builders, property owners and zoning officials are all due for considerable criticism.

Thousands of homes already built and many already being planned are on tiny lots. This leaves only one place for the children to play—in the streets. Park facilities are wholly inadequate and would need to be expanded by 80% to meet this need. It is difficult to think of any new parks in the Torrance-Lomita area in the past ten years.

Zoning officials are granting permission to build on the back half of lots on the plea that the land is waste space and too much to take care of. No thought is being given to the welfare of children. The profit motive apparently has priority over everything else.

The Lomita Property Owners and Registered Voters, Inc., have been asking for more parks in the Lomita area for years. We cannot help but note that Supervisor Chace has been successful

in getting a huge Golf Course at County expense for the Palos Verdes area. We are still waiting for action on this matter.

Sincerely,  
D. Myers  
Secy.  
Lomita Property Owners

### Birthday Party Fatal to Man

A man's 49th birthday celebration ended in his death over the weekend.

Fred Charles Miller, of 711 Pine Dr., was found dead of asphyxiation in his garage Saturday morning by his wife, Lorraine.

She told police that her husband has several times gone to sleep in his car when he arrived late.

Mrs. Miller told officers that her husband had gone out to celebrate his birthday the night before and had appeared quite cheerful.

Police termed the death accidental.

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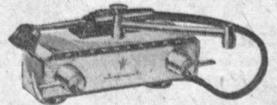
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